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Sen. Laura Toy secures \$2 million for at-risk youths in Wayne County

LANSING – State Sen. Laura M. Toy, R-6th District, offered an amendment to the human services budget Wednesday that will provide \$2 million to Wayne County to provide home-based programs for delinquent youths.

“Wayne County is home to nearly one-fifth of our state’s population and is entitled to this funding,” said Sen. Toy, who represents the western Wayne County communities of Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township and Westland in the Senate. “This amendment guarantees that the resources will be available to continue to expand community-based services for at-risk youths in our county.”

The funds being allocated to Wayne County by Toy’s amendment come from the federal government and are distributed by the Michigan Department of Human Services.

“We have too many young people in our state who are finding themselves in front of a judge at younger and younger ages,” Sen. Toy said. “These home-based programs help to preserve families and they can also alleviate some of the strain on our local courts and law enforcement.”

The human services budget, Senate Bill 1090, is for the 2006-2007 fiscal year which begins Oct. 1.

The legislation, which included Toy’s amendment, was passed unanimously by the Senate.

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